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## CURS CONNECTION



### Highlights from Undergraduate Research Week

UR Week 2021 was a huge success! Thank you to all the students who stopped by the JSAC tabling, came to receive a goody bag, or attended the PKP Undergraduate Research and Fine Arts conference! If you missed the conference you can still find the program and abstracts on the [PKP Website](#). Videos are forthcoming, so check back.

If you are a student researcher and did not get your goody-bag, please come by the CURS office (AH E330) at your convenience.

Help us in congratulating winners of the PKP Best Presentation Awards for each session, who receive a cash prize of \$100!

Sneha Chauhan	Lindsey Cook
Garrett Zillis	Jayvon Nougaisse
Nadine Long	Megan Tychsen
Benjamin Overlie	Ananya Chakraborty
Colin Miller Jr.	Elyse Garrett
Souravi Mondal	Maxwell Recht and Chase Inglett

**We are especially pleased to announce the Best Overall winners of the conference which are accompanied by a cash prize from the AU Research Office.**

Best overall Oral Presentation winner (\$300) is Mr. Jayvon Nougaisse

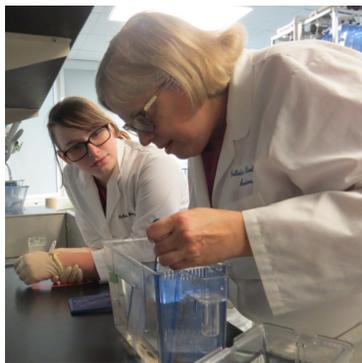
Best overall Poster Presentation winner (\$200) is Ms. Nadine Long

**Congratulations!**

Mark your calendar for next year's Undergraduate Research Week **2022**: March 28 - April 1

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**Dr. Ellen LeMosy receives undergraduate research Mentor Excellence Award**



Congratulations to Dr. Ellen LeMosy of the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, who received the Mentor Excellence Award for 2021. Nine faculty mentors were nominated for this award. (Find the list of nominees by clicking on the title above.)

An interdisciplinary review panel selected Dr. LeMosy from all the nominations. Dr. LeMosy was nominated by two students, Brooklyn Zwinklis and Helena Blackburn, both of whom students are working on their honors thesis under Dr. LeMosy's guidance. The students' nomination essays provided details on why Dr. LeMosy is deserving of the award and how inspirational she has been to their growth here at Augusta University. Dr. LeMosy will receive a \$500 grant

from CURS to continue supporting undergraduate research as well as an honorary plaque.

Congratulations to all the nominees!

## Student Research Series

Join us for the next CURS Student Research Series and last one of this academic year.

Presenting THIS Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on [MS Teams](#) will be:

### **Ananya Chakraborty**

Senior, Cell and Molecular Biology

Title: "Characterizing the Secretome of Pancreatic Stellate Cells"

Mentor: Dr. Maria Sabbatini, Department of Biological Sciences

and

### **Jayvon Nougaisse**

Senior, Cell and Molecular Biology

Title: "Investigating the Effects of Rosiglitazone on Short- Term Memory Through a PPAR-gamma Dependent Pathway"

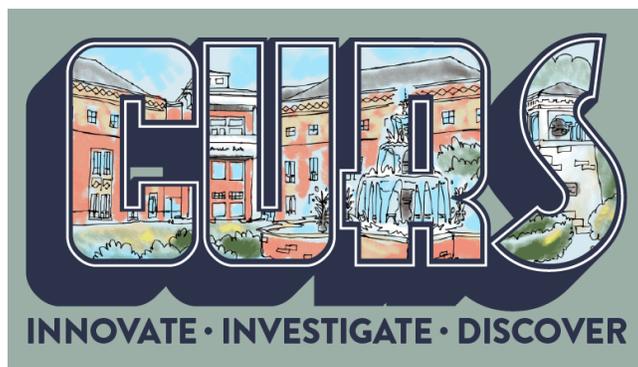
Mentor: Dr. Xinyun Lu, Department of Neuroscience & Regenerative Medicine

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## CURS T-Shirts

After many requests, CURS now has t-shirts! There are two different colors to choose from and prices start at \$19.50. Deadline to place an order is Sunday, April 25th at 11:59 p.m. View the t-shirt options [here](#).

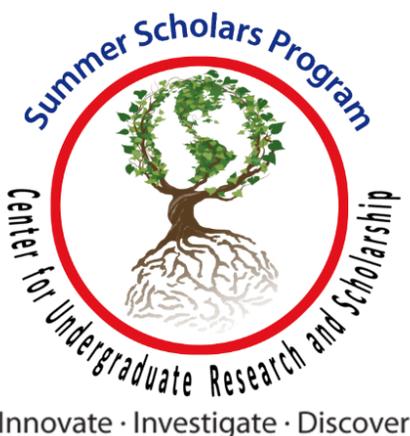
Select the "group-pass out" shipping option for the best deal and you can pick up your shirt from the CURS office once they arrive.



## Congratulations 2021 Summer Scholars!

The following students have been selected for the 2021 Summer Scholars Program. We look forward to a summer of many accomplishments!

Madison Arsenault	Richard Baker	Marybeth Bass	Gabriella Benavides
Samantha Bogle	Chandler Borel	Sawyer Branham	ZiYan Britt
Dominic Broglio	Alexandria Carter	Radha Dobaria	Gregory East
Yvette Enoru	Emmanuel Faminu	Olivia Feagler	Nyjah Gee
Trenijah Griffin	Garrett Hachem	Taylor Hammerstein	Kiara Heffner
Abby Huebsch	Amber Jordan	Hisham Kashif	Amy Kersey
Lauren Knussmann	Ashley Koch	Taryn Lykes	Jade Moore
Sweta Munagapati	Alison O'Keefe	Elnita Pollard	Makayla Preston
Halle Prine	Dominic Robles	Danny Roush	Amber Warren
Josephine Widjaja	Kyra Williams	Jenny Zhang	Garrett Zills



## Faculty

### Seeking Faculty & Staff Hosts

Over the summer and coming academic year CURS will continue our Researcher Tool Kit Series, where students learn about various topics or practice employable skills. We need help to do so!

Are you an editor of journal, a reviewer of articles? Do you sit on a graduate program acceptance committee? If you are willing to share some of your expertise in one of these areas or something else entirely, fill out our [Workshop Interest Form](#) and we will reach out to start planning how you can be a part of our Toolkit series. The topics are not set, so think outside of the box. What should our students know more about? Where do they

### Don't cancel class!

*Let CURS speak to your students*

Faculty, CURS can visit your classroom with you, or without you, to provide a presentation in any of the following topics.

- **Getting Started in Research** – CURS will describe opportunities in research across campus and how to get started.
- **Next Step in Research** – CURS will share with students how to take their research to the next level, prep discussion of research for interviews.

need additional support in professional development? Help us prepare our students for their next steps!

- **Publishing as an Undergraduate** - We will share both opportunities and tips for publishing as an undergrad.
- **Presenting to Broad Audiences** – Learn useful tips on how to present to audiences outside your discipline.
- **Request a New Topic** – Have something else you'd like us to speak about? Just ask, and we'll do our best to accommodate.



CURS is still operating during normal business hours! You can reach us remotely or face to face.

Come by our office or make an appointment to discuss your research questions or brainstorm your options!

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